

Ordnance Depot in Jessen

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1. On 22 April 1951, a Soviet ordnance depot with an attached repair shop was observed near the Jessen railroad station. * Numerous piles of ammunition boxes about 180x40x40 cm were seen on the loading ramp of the installation. The largest of the piles was about 25x25x2 meters.

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2. Some Soviet units wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and some with violet (?) epaulets, a total of about 300 men, were stationed at the ordnance depot. A detachment of 13 officers and 164 ENI was seen returning to the depot from a football match during the reported period. At the same time trucks each of them occupied by 25 to 30 men, proceeded to the depot. **

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3. Sheds No 1, 2 and 4 each contained about 40 guns, mostly 76.2 mm field howitzers. Three or four guns of about 100-mm mounted on four-wheeled gun carriages and covered with tarpaulins were observed in each of the low wooden buildings.

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4. [REDACTED], it was learned that 13 railroad cars loaded with small arms arrived in mid-April 1951. [REDACTED] there was much work to be done since an ordnance depot on the western boundary of the zone had been deactivated. It was further stated that the saddlery firm, Lehmann, in Jessen had delivered muzzle covers for 75-mm, 85-mm and 210-mm guns recently.

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5. [REDACTED] that 18 railroad cars with a total of 35 guns, either field howitzers or 76.2-mm AA guns, arrived at the ordnance depot on 16 April 1951.

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6. [REDACTED] the unloading of several carloads of: gun barrels of about 85-mm with wedge-type breech blocks and pneumatic recoil mechanisms above and below the barrel, cradles and cradle accessories; and gun carriages fitted with pneumatic tires on 23 April at 7:30 a.m. On 24 April [REDACTED] unloading of two carloads of ammunition boxes about 180x40x40 cm. ***

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7. On 23 April at about noon, [REDACTED] one of the wooden buildings, No 6, was filled to capacity with horse-drawn vehicles fitted with four rubber-tired wheels.

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* **Comment.** This refers to a large ordnance depot with an attached repair shop and a distribution point in the area of the former Fuhrmann firm at the Jessen railroad station. The installation has **or sketch of the installation, see Annex.**

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** **Comment.** One of the trucks belongs to the SCC, the other motor vehicle

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*** **Comment.** The depot frequently receives large shipments of guns and other military equipment from Brest Litovsk.

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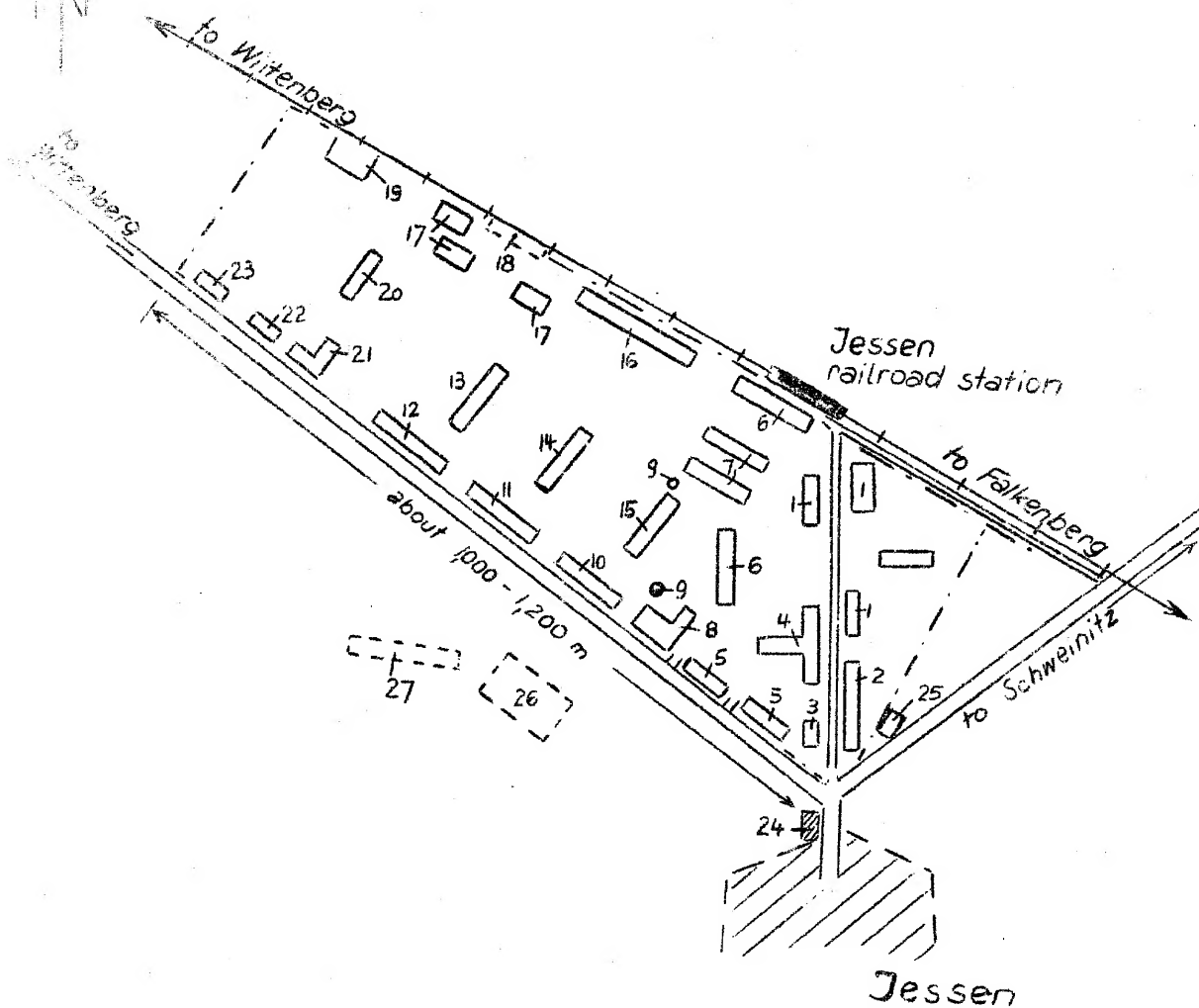
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